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NICB Update

NICB has introduced a new tool for heavy equipment (construction, agricultural, mining forestry etc) theft investigations. Varied locations of identification numbers, non-existent or inaccurate theft reports and the absence of ownership documents contribute to non-productive investigation and un-recovered equipment. A newly formed partnership between the NICB and the National Equipment Register (NER) unites NICB'S database and NER's database of stolen equipment and ownership information that is maintained by NER. This database offers access to over 6 million ownership records and 20,000 loss records, product identification numbers (PIN) locations and other identifiers.

NICB will spearhead the development of NER's nationwide network of investigators, while NER provides its databases and other resources to NICB, enabling NICB to carry out investigations in responses to matches on the NER database. This is a complimentary service to law enforcement via a toll free telephone number. 1-866-663-7782 or you can contact them via the Internet at: www.nerusa.com

New "PLATES" help file

A new help file was created to assist TLETS users to identify the state of issue on vehicle license plates from Mexico. The Mexico states that border the United States will have a distinctive yellow (FRONTERA) stamped on the license plate for those vehicles that operate within 20 miles of the US border. Traditionally these plates have green numbers and letters on white background. In 1998 distinctive graphics started to appear. All plates will have MEX or MEXICO stamped on the plates. To determine the state of issue you must obtain the first 2 – 5 characters. Example: TLAX-MEX
This plate was issued by the state of Tlaxcala. Example: DF-MEX is issued by Mexico City.

Also in this same file you will notice a section for Indian Tribal license plates. All Tribal plates are issued by the Indian Tribes and they are not available via the NLETS system. To contact the specific tribe for registration information you will find a telephone number to contact them directly for the information. The state of South Dakota is the only state you can query Indian Tribal Plates via NLETS.

To retrieve this help file simply type PLATES on the Options Menu Screen and press the F1 key.

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TRAINING CALENDER

2002 SCHEDULE

BEAUMONT-REGION 2
JULY 15-19, 2002

BEEVILLE-REGION 3
AUGUST 5-9, 2002

CORSICANA-REGION 6
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2002

TLETS/NLETS AND TCIC/NCIC BASIC PROCEDURES COURSE # 3811 – Contact DPS Austin at mnemonic address JJ04 or call 512/424-2419 or 2014. Agencies desiring the 3-day TLETS/NLETS Operator's Course can attend the first 3 days of the 40-hour school. E-mail joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us

Note: As of January 1, 2000 all agencies must maintain one (1) fully trained DPS certified operator per shift. See the TRAINING helpfile

INTERPOL INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE

The INTERPOL-Untied States national central bureau (USNCB) serves as the communications investigative resource between U. S. Law Enforcement agencies and their counterparts in 178 countries, as well as the headquarters in Lyon, France. Since the events of September 11th, the USNCB has been receiving a greater number of requests, especially from state and local law enforcement agencies,, that have developed anti-terrorist or homeland security units and are seeking in=formation on an individuals(s) or case information that may have a nexus with a foreign nation. Requests for information on border crossings, criminal history, or other intelligence information on these cases should be related to an investigative inquiry that may contain elements or a potential threat. Under these conditions, submit your request as follows:

1. SUBJECT: Homeland Security
2. Your investigative case number
3. Individual identifiers
4. Country (if known) your are seeking information from.
5. Free text of case information/request

The USNCB will query the appropriate databases both in the US as well as Interpol headquarters. Preferred method of contact is via NLETS AM message to DCINTER00 or by telephone 202-616-9000.

Frequently asked questions???

Do you have a question? Contact us.

Q. When does a law enforcement agency enter an unidentified person into NCIC?

A. In accordance to CCP Art 63.009. (c). Law Requirements. A law enforcement agency shall, not later than the 10th working day after the date of death is reported to the agency, Enter all available identifying features of the unidentified body (fingerprints, dental records, and unusual physical characteristics, and a description of the clothing found on the body) into the clearinghouse and NCIC. Have a question or need a TX Missing Person Law Book? Contact us at 1-800-346-3243 or www.txdps.state.tx.us/mpch

Q. I want to attend the DPS TLETS school, but I have already received my 16 hours of TCIC Training do I have to take the entire 40 hours?

A. No, If you have received certification for the 8 or 16 hours of TCIC/NCIC full access or less than full access then you only attend the first 3 days of that week, Monday Tuesday and Wednesday that covers the TLETS/NLETS portions of the school. You will receive TCLEOSE credit for completing the 24-hour portion (if you pass the exams).

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Have a question? 512-424-2419 or 2014

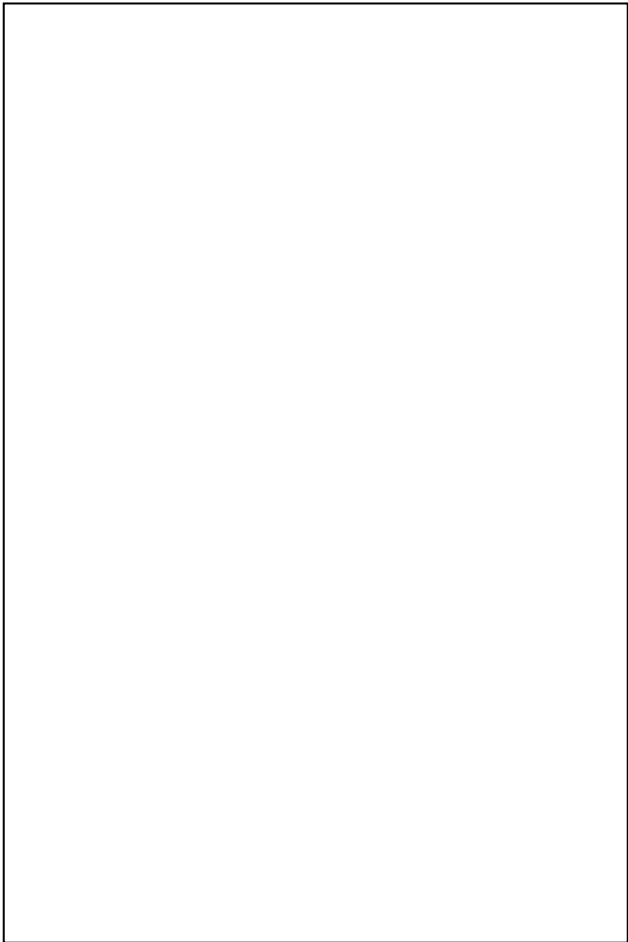joanne.jenkins@txdps.state.tx.us
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And the TLETS Answers are, (from 1st quarter news)

1. What is the transaction code for entering a person that has made a threat to a peace officer? EOT

2. What is the broadcast code to notify all the border stations? ABS

3. What is the transaction code to modify a TX individual ID record? MIR

4. What states would receive the Region B1 broadcast code? Delaware, Dist. Of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania.

5. What does the abbreviation TECS stand for? Treasury Enforcement Communications System.

6. What is the transaction code for entering a lost gun? ELG

TXDOT UPDATE

Texas Department of Transportation Registration and Title System Division have a web site available for vehicle information for non-law enforcement use. Cities/counties that have code enforcement can now access vehicle data via the web for a fee.

HTTPS://PROD1.DOT.STATE.TX.US/CENCOMPOP.HTML

NEW AGENCIES ON TLETS

CORPUS CHRISTI PCT 2	CCNZ
CORPUS CHRISTI US MARSHALL	CCMZ
JOSHUA PD	JHPZ
SHENANDOAH PD	SNPZ
TILDEN SO (MCMULLIN CO)	TDSZ

DELETED AGENCIES

LAREDO DEA/HIDTA TF #78	NBD4
TEXARKANA BI STATE NTF #42	NC34

MNEMONIC ADDRESS CHANGES

	OLD	NEW
MISSOURI CITY PD	MCTZ	MTX1
SAN MARCOS HIGHWAY PATROL	SMDZ	E3BD

CORRECTIONS

CHANGES